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Following is the address of G. A. Russell of Hammond, Ore., before the annual Clatsop County Teachers' institute at its opening session held yesterday, on the subject of "Music in the Schools":

Music is quite largely a product of civilization. The greater the advance- ject by some of the leading educators ment of any people in the arts and of this state. But it is refreshing to sciences, the greater will be the ad- find others of equal prominence who are vancement in music, both vocal and instrumental. They appear to go hand in hand. Therefore, the intellectual and moral-condition of any nation can be determined by the grade and character of its songs. But the music of a people is not only the result of their condition; but by the law of reflex action, it, to a great extent, deterone writer has said, and we think truthfully, 'Allaw me to select the popular songs for any nation and I will insure their future destiny.'

"Almost all children love music. We feel inclined to agree with Shakespeare when he said: 'He that hath no concord of sweet sounds is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils.' There is this, by the law of supply and demand. the coarser songs of his questionable associations of later years. How much would supply this demand, in the form of admonitions and reprimards. of school songs of real musical worth The songs which we learn in our child- ville: 'Fortunate, indeed, is the pupil hood and the sentiments which they and leave their impression on the soul. Our experience in school work has been that where children are taught a sufficient number of school songs of unquestionable merit, we have failed to observe that tendency and desire to ing line of cigars at Portland prices: there will not be much room for evil

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"We are sorry, indeed, to find so little interest manifested in this subing publications. Professor E. E. Washbuxer, in writing upon this subject in the Oregonian recently stated among other things: 'For music, the course of study calls only for some simple note reading and vocal drills to cultivate and develop the organs of speech. The value of a good voice cannot be over estimated. Our future citizens must converse and transact bustness with each other and the power of a rich, sweet voice in reading or speaking is invaluable. No one but a teacher knows the value of singing to rest or quiet pupils."

"We all know from observation and from our own personal experience that when pupils come into the school room, developed in the mind of the average of play or the things they saw upon child a natural desire for music, and the streets, it requires some time to get Kidney Pills and got a box at Charles their minds concentrated upon their is partially met by the songs which studies. At such times let one or two he learns from the tender lullables to appropriate songs be sung as an opening exercise, and the desired result will better it would be if the public school much less labor than by the old method

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